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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station – 2nd Floor
Boston, MA 02110

RE: D.T.E. 03-100

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

On October 16, 2003, the NStar Companies (Boston Edison Company, Cambridge Electric Light Company, and Commonwealth Electric Company), filed for approval by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (the Department) a renewable power supply pro-forma tariff for NStar residential, small commercial and industrial customers. The proposal would allow this group of customers the option to purchase 25 percent of their total kilowatt hour (KWH) usage from a new renewable power source as defined in the Massachusetts Renewable Energy Portfolio Standards.

Associated Industries of Massachusetts (A.I.M.) provides the following comments in support of the above-mentioned filing.

As the largest employer association in the Commonwealth, A.I.M. represents a large number of small commercial and industrial customers that would be extended the option, for the first time, to purchase a portion of their energy from new renewable sources of energy. The competitive market has not developed for these customers as it has for medium and large commercial and industrial customers that are able to find, if they choose, a green option as part of their energy portfolio when they choose a competitive supplier.

A.I.M. is pleased to support the “green program” proposed by NStar, as we did the program offered by Massachusetts Electric, for those customers that do not presently have green options in the developing competitive market.

For the reasons stated above, A.I.M. recommends that the Department approve the filing made by NStar and we look forward to working with the utility companies and the Department in reviewing the results of both programs in the future. If you have any questions, or if I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Angela M. O’Connor
Vice President - Energy Programs

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